

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Region 10
1200 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98101

In Re:

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
JOHN M. ASPLUND WATER POLLUTION
CONTROL FACILITY,
APPLICATION FOR SECTION 301(h)
VARIANCE FROM THE SECONDARY
TREATMENT REQUIREMENTS OF THE
CLEAN WATER ACT.


FINAL DECISION
OF THE REGIONAL
ADMINISTRATOR
PURSUANT TO
40 CFR PART 125, SUBPART G

The Municipality of Anchorage requested a variance, pursuant to Section 301(h) of the Clean Water Act, from secondary treatment requirements for the John M. Asplund Water Pollution Control Facility, a publicly owned treatment works. A tentative decision to grant this variance was issued by the Regional Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10, on November 4, 1999.

The tentative decision document, draft permit, and fact sheet, which discussed the tentative approval, were made available for public review on November 8, 1999. Comments received during the forty-five day public comment period have been addressed in the attached document titled "Response to Comments". The document also summarizes the changes made to the permit as a result of the comments received. The State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation, waived its right under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act to certify this permit by a letter from the Commissioner dated August 2, 1999. The State of Alaska, Division of Governmental Coordination issued a Final Consistency Determination for this action on February 4, 2000. The determination finds the project consistent with the Alaska Coastal Management Program. It is my final decision to issue the Municipality of Anchorage a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit (Permit No. AK-002255-1) incorporating a Section 301(h) variance for its John M. Asplund Water Pollution Control Facility.

This permit will become effective on the date indicated on the above referenced permit unless a request for an evidentiary hearing which meets the requirements of 40 CFR 124.74 is received.

Dated: 6-23-2000



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